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August 4, 2015 Lightning Fire Update

Yreka, CA – Firefighters made good progress yesterday, with air support from both Scott valley and Happy Camp Helicopters as well as air tankers making fire retardant drops. The Siskiyou Air Tanker Base located in Weed was opened yesterday for reloading air tankers with fire retardant and a next generation MD-87 Aero Tanker jet landed and reloaded.

Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District:

- Crews completed construction of fire line along the east side of the **Five-Mile** Fire, located on the Five and Ten Mile Divide on the east side of the Siskiyou Wilderness. Today they continue working to contain the west side of the fire along the Wilderness Boundary. Helicopter bucket drops were ordered this morning and firefighters anticipate having the fire completely surrounded by containment line today. Infrared photography showed fire size at approximately 45 acres last night.
- In the **Oak Knoll** area the 15 acre **Howards** Fire, near Horse Creek, in Howard's Gulch has been mopped up 100 feet in all the way around the perimeter. Firefighters anticipate that both the **Sterling** and **Cottage** Fires will be contained by the end of the day. The **Low** Fire near Black Mountain is estimated to be between two and three acres in size. Both Klamath and Rogue River Siskiyou National Forest firefighters are on scene.

Salmon/Scott River Ranger District:

- The **Hotelling** Fire was declared out yesterday afternoon. No new fires have been reported in the **Salmon River** area.
- There was one new fire detected in the **Scott River** area. The **Whiskey Butte** Fire is two tenths of an acre and staffed with four Heli-rapellers. The **Cayenne** and **Sugar** Fires are both contained and in patrol status.

There are no active fires on the **Goosenest Ranger District at this time.**

Although these fires were lightning-caused many wildfires in California are caused by people; this means they can be prevented. Every preventable wildfire puts fire fighters and the public at risk and reduces the response capability of fire departments to respond to the next fire. To find out more about what you can do to prevent human caused, unwanted wildfires, please go to www.preventwildfireca.org.

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